

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: October 20, 2004

TO: LAFCO Commissioners

FROM: **Everett Millais, Executive Officer**

SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Alternate Public Member Selection Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint an ad hoc Alternate Public Member Selection Committee consisting of one County member, one city member and one special district member.

DISCUSSION:

Last month the Commission authorized recruiting for an Alternate Public Member to begin a new four-year term starting January 1, 2005. A press release about the upcoming vacancy has been issued and at least four display notices are being published in the Ventura County Star. Notice about the position has also been posted on our web site and at the County Government Center. Interested individuals are being asked to submit a letter of interest and a brief resume on or before Friday, October 29, 2004.

The Public Member and the Alternate Public Member are the only LAFCO Commissioners who are appointed by LAFCO. In the past the Commission has appointed an ad hoc three-member committee to review the letters of interest/resumes received, conduct interviews and make a recommendation to the full Commission about new appointments for both Public Member and Alternate Public Member. Such a committee is again recommended for the current Alternate Public Member selection process.

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

COUNTY: CITY:

Kathy Long Evaristo Barajas, Chair Linda Parks Don Waunch Alternate: Alternate: Steve Bennett John Zaragoza

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: LAFCO ANALYST: **Everett Millais** Hollee Brunsky

SPECIAL DISTRICT: Jack Curtis, Vice Chair Dick Richardson

Alternate:

Ted Grandsen

OFFICE MANAGER/CLERK: LEGAL COUNSEL: Debbie Schubert

PUBLIC: Louis Cunningham

Alternate: Kenneth M. Hess

Leroy Smith

It is further recommended that any ad hoc Alternate Public Member Selection Committee consist of one County member, one city member and one special district member. This committee structure is consistent with provisions of the Government Code (§56325(d)) requiring that selection of the Public Member and Alternate Public Member, "... shall be subject to the affirmative vote of at least one of member selected by each of the appointing authorities." (i.e. the County Board of Supervisors, the City Selection Committee and the Independent Special Districts Selection Committee).

It is anticipated that this ad hoc Committee would review all the letters of interest/resumes received as of the October 29 deadline, make a decision about who to interview, conduct the interviews and make an appointment recommendation to the full Commission as quickly as possible, but definitely before the January 19, 2005, meeting.



PRESS RELEASE

The Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is seeking individuals interested in serving in the capacity of Alternate Public Member. The Ventura LAFCO, an independent agency created by the State of California, oversees boundaries for cities and special districts in Ventura County. The Commission is comprised of seven voting members and four alternate members. These members include two representatives, and an alternate, from the Board of Supervisors, two representatives, and an alternate from City Councils, two representatives, and an alternate, from independent Special Districts, and one Public Member, and one alternate. Alternate members can attend and participate in meetings, but vote only when a regular member is absent or has a conflict of interest.

The other members of LAFCO appoint the Public Member and the Alternate Public Member. Recently the current Alternate Public Member, Kenneth Hess, was appointed by LAFCO to become the Public Member effective on January 1, 2005. Thus, LAFCO is seeking to appoint a new Alternate Public Member to start a new four-year term effective January 1, 2005. Under the current rules of the Ventura LAFCO the Public Member and the Alternate Public Member may only serve in their respective positions for one four-year term.

The Ventura LAFCO meets on a regular basis at 9 A.M. on the third Wednesday of each month except August and December. Special meetings are scheduled by the Commission as necessary and may occur at any time. Interested individuals must be residents of Ventura County, must be able to regularly attend LAFCO meetings, cannot be officers or employees of the County, or any city or special district in the County, and should have a general understanding of LAFCO functions and authorities. The individual who is appointed will be required to file a financial disclosure statement with the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

Interested individuals should send a cover letter and current resume to: Executive Officer, Ventura LAFCO, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1850. Letters of interest with a current resume must be received by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, October 29, 2004.

Information about the Ventura LAFCO is available at the Ventura LAFCO web site at: www.ventura.lafco.ca.gov. Questions can be addressed by calling (805) 654-2575.